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REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Apparatus Number	10/037,073 10/027873
Filing Date	12/21/2001
First Named Inventor	Knipe
Group Art Unit	2873
Examiner Name	Choi, William C.
Attorney Docket Number	TI-26153

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (b) (4) (PTOS/STP) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Filing Dates and Other Administrative Matters, 65 Fed. Reg. 10,114 (Feb. 24, 2000).

**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 26 May 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other
- b ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other
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## 2 Miscellaneous

- 8 ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)

### 3 Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0568, Texas Instruments Incorporated.

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
 iii. ☒ Other any necessary fees including extension of time fees

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- c** ☐ **Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**

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